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RANDY REEVES RECEIVES 2013 EXCELLENCE IN GOVERNMENT AWARD

Jackson, Miss. - Governor Phil Bryant recently presented the 2013 Excellence in State Government Award to Randy Reeves, Executive Director of the State Veterans Affairs Board, in recognition of excellence and innovation in public service.

The Mississippi State Personnel Board was authorized by the Mississippi Legislature to establish the Excellence in Government Awards program to encourage the development of innovative systems of public administration.

"Innovation and the desire to maximize resources and outcomes are keys to success in any arena," Gov. Phil Bryant said. "I applaud Randy Reeves for his commitment to improving public service and for his dedication to Mississippi veterans."

MSPB Executive Director Deanne Mosley said "We were honored to join with Governor Bryant to recognize the outstanding achievements of Randy Reeves, who has made significant contributions to improving the quality of services provided to our state's veterans by creating efficiencies at the agency he leads."

Mr. Reeves was recognized for stabilizing agency funding by creating methods to provide consistent funding streams and improving efficiencies; increasing partnerships with state and national agencies, including working with the Department of Employment Security on a veterans job program and with the Military Department on legislative issues; increasing the educational institutions approved for veterans benefits from 84 to 91; and implementing a recognition program and increasing training options for agency employees in order to improve delivery of services to veterans. He also worked to provide a burial option for veterans and spouses by opening the first State Veterans Cemetery and was instrumental in the implementation of the "Vet" designation for veterans on Drivers Licenses.

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